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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. PLEASE THANK THE AMBASSADOR FOR THE KIND WORDS HE SAID ABOUT THE DESK DURING HIS REMARKS AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY. THEY HAVE BEEN PASSED ON TO ALL THE TROOPS HERE. OUR ROLE IN GETTING THE AWARDS OUT TO YOU WAS A LABOR OF LOVE. WE APPRECIATE HAVING HAD A REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CEREMONY, AND IT IS GOOD TO HAVE A REPORT OF THE HIGH SPIRITS AS WELL AS THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN RECONSTRUCTION.

2. SOLOMENTSEV VISIT: EUR/SOV JUST RECEIVED FROM USIA SETS OF PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY USIA PHOTOGRAPHERS DURING US TOUR OF SOLOMENTSEV DELEGATION. WE CHECKED AND WERE ASSURED THAT COPIES HAD BEEN SENT TO EMBASSY MOSCOW FOR USE IN DISPLAY BOARD. OF COURSE, DELEGATION MEMBERS, INCLUDING SOLOMENTSEV, WERE KEENTO KNOW IF COPIES WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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AVAILABLE FOR THEM. DO YOU NEED MORE COPIES?

3. RE LENINGRAD 1686 ON THE RECENT WALK-IN, WE DEBATED HERE WHETHER IN FUTURE SUCH INCIDENTS THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE INFORMED BUT COULD REACH NO FIRM CONCLUSION. IF INCIDENT WERE OFFICIALLY INSPIRED AND MEANT TO TEST US, FAILURE TO DO SO COULD CAUSE THEM TO CONCLUDE THAT WE

DECLINE ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR WARNING THEM OF POSSIBLE TERRORIST ACTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, SOVIETS MIGHT WISH TO USE INCIDENT AS JUSTIFICATION TO RESTRICT EVEN FURTHER ACCESS TO OUR ESTABLISHMENTS. IF INDIVIDUAL WERE SERIOUS, TRIED SOMETHING AND WAS CAUGHT, FACT THAT HE CALLED AT US ESTABLISHMENT WOULD CERTAINLY COME OUT AND WE WOULD BE OPEN TO CHARGES OF CONDONING TERRORISM. BUT THIS RAISES QUESTION OF TURNING IN PERSON WHO HAD COME, AT LEAST OSTENSIBLY, ON CONSULAR BUSINESS. AS YOU CAN SEE, WE CAN COME UP WITH NO CLEAR-CUT ANSWERS ON HOW ANY FUTURE SUCH INCIDENTS SHOULD BE HANDLED AND WONDERED WHETHER YOU HAVE COME TO ANY CONCLUSIONS.

4. RE MOSCOW 17509 PARA 2, PER DUG THEIR HEELS IN AND DECLINED TO TALK WITH WOLFE. WE TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF HIS DROPPING BY TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH HIM OURSELVES. WHILE HE IS A DEDICATED AND OBLIGING YOUNG OFFICER AND WE MIGHT PERSUADE HIM, HE IS NOT INTERESTED IN THE USCO SWITCH AND WOULD PREFER TO PROCEED AS ASSIGNED. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE WE HAVE DISCUSSED, FOR SHIFTING HAMILTON OVER AND THEN UP, BE PURSUED.

5. FOR THE AMBASSADOR: RESERVATIONS ARE CONFIRMED AT RIVERSIDE TOWERS JANUARY 1 THROUGH 5 AND FEBRUARY 20 THROUGH 28. WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH NSA MEETING AND MEET-CONFIDENTIAL

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ING WITH BEN READ. THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY WILL BE IN EUROPE DURING YOUR JANUARY VISIT. APPOINTMENT WITH ADM TURNER ALSO WILL HAVE TO BE IN FEBRUARY. IN SECRETARY'S ABSENCE, SHALL WE SET UP APPOINTMENT WITH WARREN CHRISTOPHER? VANCE

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